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Hearing Aid Compatibility Status Report (FCC Form 655)

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General Report Information

Type of Company

Service Provider

De Minimis Exception

Did you offer any handsets to subscribers in the United States during the reporting period? No

Have you been offering handsets in the United States for at least three years prior to the end of the reporting period?

Date that you began offering handsets in the United States

Are you a small entity?

Were you a small entity at any time during the three years prior to the end of the reporting period?

Date that you ceased to be a small entity?

Company Information

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Product Labeling

Do all hearing aid-compatible handsets include labeling? No

Explain: Walnut Communications, Inc. (the "Company") is a small CMRS service provider with operations that utilize the CDMA air interface in the state of Iowa. The Company operates CMRS facilities for the provision of service to roaming customers but it does not have retail outlets and it does not offer wireless handsets to the public. As such, the Company qualifies for the de minimis exception set forth in Section 20.19(e) of the Commission's Rules.

Do all hearing aid-compatible handsets that were tested under ANSI C63.19-2007, and that are capable of voice communication over any air interface or frequency band that does not have hearing aid compatibility technical standards under ANSI C63.19-2007, include the required language disclosing that the handset has not been rated for hearing aid compatibility with respect to such operation?

N/A

Explain:

Do all hearing aid-compatible handsets that were certified only under ANSI C63.19-2007, but that the manufacturer also tested and found not to meet hearing aid compatibility requirements under ANSI C63.19-2011 for one or more operations that are not covered under ANSI C63.19-2007, include language informing users by clear and effective means that the handset does not meet the relevant rating or ratings with respect to such operation(s)?

N/A

Explain:

Do all handsets that are capable of use for Voice over LTE, and that were certified for inductive coupling capability under ANSI C63.19-2011 without being tested for inductive coupling capability over VoLTE, include language disclosing that they were not tested with respect to this operation?

N/A

Explain:

Do all handsets that meet the criteria for an M3 rating by allowing the user to reduce the maximum power for GSM operation in the 1900 MHz band include the required disclosure?

Explain:

Public Website

Does your company maintain a public website describing all hearing aid-compatible models, the ratings of those models, and an explanation of the rating system? Service provider websites must include the levels of functionality that the service provider has defined, the level that each hearing aid-compatible model falls under, and an explanation of how the functionality of the handsets varies at the different levels.

No

Website address:

Explain: Not applicable. The Company does not offer wireless handsets to the public and it qualifies for the de minimis exception.

Consumer Outreach

Describe consumer outreach efforts in the past 12 months: Not applicable.

Methodology for Functionality Levels

Not applicable.

Report Remarks

You have reported the following handset model summary information.
Total number of handsets offered: 0

Air Interface	Fully Hearing Aid Compatible		Acoustic Coupling Compatible Only		Non-Compliant Handsets		Total by Air Interface
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	

Certification

This Report has been certified by:

Janell Hansen CEO
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